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SUBJ: HOROWITZ VISIT: ZAMBIAN LABOR UNION OFFICIALS APPEAR
PREPARED TO BACK STEPS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE US IN THE ILO

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SUMMARY: ZAMBIAN LABOR UNION OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF
THE CONTRIBUTION THE US MAKES TOWARD MAINTAINING THE ILO AS
A VIABLE INSTITUTION. THEY APPEAR WILLING TO PRESS THE GRZ TO
BACK STEPS DESIGNED TO INSURE A US PRESENCE IN THE ILO. THEIR
POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE US POSITION IS NOT DECISIVE IN THE
GRZ DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, BUT IT SHOULD PROVE TO BE A
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SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT. END SUMMARY

1. MR. HOROWITZ MET WITH THE ZCTU DELEGATION OF EIGHT MEMBERS
ON JAN 12. IN HIS REMARKS, HOROWITZ REVIEWED THE TENDENCIES IN
THE ILO WHICH HAD LED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER OF
NOVEMBER 1975.

2. DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF ZCTU MUSONDA SAID US WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE A VICTORY FOR ITS CRITICS AND REPRESENT A DEFEAT FOR ILO PRINCIPLES WHICH MOST COUNTRIES SUPPORT. MUSONDA SAID ZCTU ALSO OBJECTED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF PURELY POLITICAL ISSUES AT THE ILO, SINCE MOST OF THESE WERE ALREADY TABLED AT OTHER UN BODIES. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF ZCTU, C.M. SAMPA, NOTED THAT MUSONDA'S VIEWS WERE BACKED BY THE ENTIRE LABOR MOVEMENT IN ZAMBIA. SAMPA ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE US RECONSIDER WITHDRAWAL AND NOTED THAT IT WAS UP TO THE US TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS HOROWITZ HAD OUTLINED BY WORKING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

3. IN REPLY HOROWITZ SAID THAT THE US WANTED TO STAY IN THE ORGANIZATION, BUT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES WHEN NOT A FEW, BUT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY HAD SUPPORTED ACTIONS WHICH WERE CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF REGULATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION. BEFORE AGREEING TO REMAIN AS A MEMBER, THE US MUST BE CONVINCED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS WANT TO AND WILL ACT TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

4. AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR MR. HOROWITZ A NUMBER OF THE LABOR LEADERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING EARLIER IN THE DAY WERE MORE FORTHRIGHT IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ENSURE A US PRESENCE IN THE ILO. THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE COMPLETELY AWARE THAT THE ILO COULD NOT EXIST IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND AT ITS PRESENT EFFECTIVENESS WITHOUT A US PRESENCE. RECOGNIZING THIS, THEY WOULD PRESS THE GRZ TO TAKE STANDS AT THE ILO WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE US TO REMAIN.

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COMMENT: LABOR IS NOT A DECISIVE ELEMENT IN DETERMINING THE FINAL STAND TAKEN BY THE ZAMBIAN DELEGATION AT THE ILO. HOWEVER, IN THE GIVE AND TAKE WAY POLICY DECISIONS ARE ARRIVED AT IN ZAMBIA IT CAN EXERT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFLUENCE. LOW

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